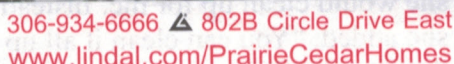


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The father replied, "Well, I don't know, son -- how high can you count?"

The son immediately replied, "One thousand, five hundred, forty-two."

The father said, "Why did you stop?"

The son shrugged his shoulders and said, "Well, church was over."

A novice gardener who was looking for some advice asked an experienced farmer, "What would be good to plant in an area that gets very little rain, has too much late afternoon sun, has clay soil and lies on a rocky ledge?"

Replied the farmer, "How about a flagpole?"

I had planned to clean my oven since something had boiled over in it. However, before I had a chance to buy oven cleaner, my husband came home with a frozen pizza for supper.

After a while, we saw smoke coming from the oven and the detector went off.

"Oh! Is the pizza burning?" he asked.

"No" I replied, "the pizza isn't even in the oven yet."



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"Honest?" replied the job prospect. "Let me tell you something about honest. Why, I'm so honest that my father lent me \$15,000 for my education, and I paid back every penny the minute I tried my very first case."

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The teacher was giving a lesson on verb tenses to her second-grade class, explaining the past, present, and future tenses.

"The past is what has already happened, such as eating your breakfast and morning recess," she explained.

"The present is right now; what's happening at this moment. The next tense is about what's going to happen. Does anyone know what we call what's going to happen next?"

"I know" said one boy. "Lunch!"

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My five-year-old daughter, Madeline, informed me that I wouldn't have to clean anything up on Mother's Day, then paused. I expected her to say she would clean up for me. Instead, she added, "You can clean it all up the next day!"

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My nephew trained his three weimaraners to play baseball. While visiting us, the family started playing a baseball game. The dogs were positioned at left, center and right fields. Whenever a batter hit the ball, one of the dogs would retrieve it, bring it to the pitcher and then return to the outfield.

When it was my brother's turn at bat, he tried to swing hard but hit the ball only about 40 feet.

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One the first envelope it said "for the casket." There was \$5,000.00 in the envelope, so she bought him a very nice casket.

The second envelope said "for the expenses" and had \$4,000.00 in it so she paid all the bills from the funeral.

The third envelope said "for the stone" and had \$3,000.00 in it. She then held her hand out to her friends and said, "Isn't it Beautiful!!!"

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The brother-in-law got a ticket for overtime parking. He immediately descended in a fury on police headquarters, waving the ticket and sputtering, "Hey, do you know who I am?"

The desk sergeant surveyed him calmly, picked up his telephone and dialed the mayor's office. "Tell the mayor," he said to the secretary, "that his brother-in-law is down here and can't remember his name."



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A man went to the local zoo looking for work. The zookeeper said there was nothing available, but the fellow was persistent. The zookeeper finally said that the zoo's only gorilla had died that morning. If the man would don a gorilla suit, get into the compound, and imitate a gorilla until another one could be found, then the job was his.

The man gladly took the job and did quite well swinging from tree to tree while making faces at the crowd. The more he did, the more they cheered and laughed. Of all the tricks he did, the one that really set them off was swinging out over the lion's den on a rope. He did this day after day, each time getting a little more daring and a little closer to the lion. With each pass the lion would roar and paw the air, trying to snag the teasing gorilla.

One day as he was swinging out farther than he had ever swung before, the rope broke, and down into the lion's den he went. The lion pounced, whereupon the man began to scream bloody murder. Much to his surprise, the lion uttered in a stern voice, but not so loud as to be heard by the screaming crowd, "Shut up, you fool, before we both lose our jobs!"

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She thought to herself, "I'm not speeding, I haven't been drinking, I'm not texting, I have my seat belt on and I renewed my license plates." Mystified, she pulled over and the police car pulled in behind her.

She rolled down the window. When the police officer approached, the lady pointed to her ear and shook her head to indicate that she was deaf.

The policeman smiled and signed back, "I know. I stopped you to tell you that your horn is stuck."

We took the family to one of those restaurants where the walls are plastered with movie memorabilia.

I went off to see the hostess about reserving a table. When I returned, I found my 10-year-old granddaughter staring at a poster of Superman standing in a phone booth. She looked puzzled.

"She doesn't know who Superman is?" I asked my husband.

"Worse," he replied. "She doesn't know what a phone booth is."



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